

Introduced by Senator Kuehl

February 23, 2006

An act to add Article 6 (commencing with Section 14690) to Chapter 8.8 of Part 3 of Division 9 of, and to add Part 3.5 (commencing with Section 15900) to Division 9 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to health care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1448, as introduced, Kuehl. Health care: Medi-Cal.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services and which provides health care services to qualified low-income recipients. The Medi-Cal program is partially governed and funded by federal Medicaid provisions. Existing law, the Hospital/Uninsured Care Demonstration Project Act, implements that portion of a specified federally approved Medicaid demonstration project waiver relating to hospital funding.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to implement that portion of the federally-approved demonstration project waiver relating to the expansion of Medi-Cal managed care enrollment and the extension of health care coverage to individuals currently uninsured. The bill would, in implementation of that waiver and subject to federal financial participation, enact the Healthcare Coverage Initiative Act for the purpose of extending health care coverage to those individuals.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 6 (commencing with Section 14690) is
2 added to Chapter 8.8 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and
3 Institutions Code, to read:

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5 Article 6. Managed Care Demonstration Project
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7 14690. It is the intent of the Legislature to implement the
8 portion of the federally approved demonstration project waiver
9 number 11-W-00193/9 that relates to the expansion of Medi-Cal
10 managed care enrollment and, through the Healthcare Coverage
11 Initiative Act, the extension of health care coverage to
12 individuals currently uninsured.

13 SEC. 2. Part 3.5 (commencing with Section 15900) is added
14 to Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

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16 PART 3.5. HEALTHCARE COVERAGE INITIATIVE ACT
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18 15900. This part shall be known and may be cited as the
19 Healthcare Coverage Initiative Act.

20 15901. The purpose of this part is to provide health care
21 coverage for persons who are currently uninsured and not
22 otherwise eligible for the Medi-Cal program or the Healthy
23 Families Program.

24 15902. The Legislature intends to develop and implement the
25 health care coverage program established by this part for
26 individuals who are currently uninsured.

27 15903. This part shall only be implemented to the extent
28 federal financial participation is available.